

Child Trafficking Bust: 123 Missing Children Recovered in One Day

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Over 120 missing children were recovered in a one-day sweep in a Michigan county, as U.S. Marshals tried to locate victims of sex trafficking.

Out of 301 files of missing children in Wayne County, 123 were identified and recovered safely during the operation led by the newly formed Child Recovery Unit.

The sting throughout Wayne County took place on Sept. 26 but was publicized a week later on Oct 3 by the [U.S. Marshals Service](#).

“All of the children located were interviewed about potentially being sexually victimized or used in a sex trafficking ring during their period of time that they were deemed missing,” said a statement from the U.S. Marshall’s office.



A composite image of missing children from a campaign by the [National Center for Missing and Exploited Children](#) (Facebook)

“Three cases were identified as being possible sex trafficking cases, and one homeless teen was transported back to the command post after it was discovered that he had not had anything to eat in three days.”

It was the first time an operation of this kind had been conducted in Wayne County.

“The message to the missing children and their families that we wish to convey is that we will never stop looking for you,” the U.S Marshals statement said.

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New USMS Child Recovery Unit Recovers 123 Children During Operation MISafeKid

Detroit, MI – The U.S. Marshals Service - Detroit Missing Child Recovery Unit, in partnership with the Sex Offender Investigations Branch, Michigan State Police and law enforcement agencies participated in Operation MISafeKid, a missing juvenile initiative. The initiative focused on locating missing children from the area with an emphasis on locating victims of sex trafficking.

The one-day initiative took place Sept. 26 throughout Wayne County. The initiative was coordinated with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, HUD-OIG, and the Michigan State Police and investigated missing child case files prior to the initiative. Officers were given the case files and began investigating their whereabouts at their homes, addresses, friend's homes and schools in hopes of finding them in a safe location.

Out of 301 files of missing children, 123 were identified and recovered successfully. 123 children were physically located and interviewed -- standard protocols were followed. All of the children located were interviewed about potentially being sexually trafficked. A sex trafficking ring during their period of time that they were deemed missing was identified. As being possible sex trafficking cases, and one homeless teen was transported after it was discovered that he had not had anything to eat in three days and turned over to Child Protective Services for aftercare.

Reference: <https://www.usmarshals.gov/news/chron/2018/100318.htm>

[According to FBI data](#), over 441,000 entries were filed for missing persons under the age of 18 in 2017 alone.

Sources: [TheEpochTimes.com](#); [USmarshals.gov](#)